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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

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I am requesting funding for Community Project Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2024 in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Houston Community Development Cooperative, which will be led by Houston Land Bank is located at 1214 Elgin Street, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77004.

The project will consist of construction of two buildings with 8 housing units each, featuring 840 square feet with fire sprinklers, a covered patio or balcony and high-star energy efficient appliances. All units are designed to assist low- to moderate income families. Additionally, by providing financing to developers on their eligible projects, it can make it possible for developers to sell homes at affordable prices to current Houstonians.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Economic Development Cooperative Project is a priority for several reasons. Firstly, the project aims to revitalize blighted areas of Houston where homelessness poses challenges to solutions that are lasting in places that have historically suffered from neglect and disinvestment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by **42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4)**.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family."

Sincerely,



Sheila Jackson Lee